

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
*Special Called Joint Meeting*  
AGENDA**

**Lumpkin County Administration Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Board Room  
99 Courthouse Hill  
Dahlonega, Georgia  
October 25, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

**I. WELCOME**

Chairman Raber

- Board of Commissioners
- Development Authority of Lumpkin County
- Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority
- Lumpkin County School System

**II. PURPOSE OF MEETING**

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**III. DISCUSSION**

**IV. APPOINTMENTS**

**V. ADJOURN**

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Chairman Raber thanked everyone for attending.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the forming of a select committee to discuss/promote economic development and other related issues.

Chairman Raber explained that he and Commissioner Bowden are recommending that a committee be formed from the above organizations and include the Chamber of Commerce, City of Dahlonega and North Georgia College & State University. He commented on our high unemployment rate and the fact that SPLOST & LOST revenues are down. He asked the question, "What can we do to make it better?"

**DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Bowden had a number of suggestions concerning the proposed committee including creation of a standing, permanent committee that would meet a minimum one time per month for the first three months followed by one meeting every other month with a minimum of six meetings per year. Commissioner Bowden said the specifics do not need to be discussed tonight. He said he is just suggesting some ideas on how this committee could be conducted.

Chris Dockery, Chairman of the Development Authority said care should be taken that this committee is not perceived to be an oversight committee over participating groups but as one for dissemination. He said we need to leverage every tool that each participating member has.

Charles Trammel, Water & Sewerage Authority member pointed out there was already a three-county development authority on which Lumpkin is a member. He said this development authority had never gotten off the ground due to a lack of funding. Chris Dockery said we have to be a team player in the region but we also have to be looking after our own interests in Lumpkin County. He said we need to be one step ahead of all those around us. J.B. Jones, Development Authority said he agrees with Charles Trammel that some seed money from somewhere needs to be available. Mr. Trammel said perhaps a small amount of funding could be provided by each participating organization. J.B. Jones said he agrees in the organizational ideas but that money will be needed.

**APPOINTMENTS**

The Chairman said he recommends that he and Tim Bowden be on the committee. Chris Dockery said he wants the opportunity to talk with the Development Authority members to be sure that the persons appointed will be able to meet the commitment. He will provide two names to Chairman Raber by end of business Friday, October 29. Murl Jones, Chairman of the Water & Sewerage Authority, said it will probably be himself and Vice-Chairman Gary Steffey representing the W&S Authority. Superintendent Dewey Moyer said he will represent the Lumpkin County Schools. J.B. Jones said he likes the concept proposed in this meeting because

this way everyone knows what is going on. He pointed out that if we get a prospect the North Georgia Network could be a strong selling point.

Clarence Stowers said he thinks specific things need to come out by the end of the third meeting. He said many things need to be addressed up front such as tax incentives. They discussed the loss of eight jobs at the hospital because local people don't want to use it. J.B. said health care providers are big players in this issue with the hospital. John Raber pointed out that we need to know who we need to talk with, for example, the CEO of the hospital holding company. Chris Dockery said it would be good to have organizations such as NG Network come in to tell us what's going on and other groups as well.

J.B. Jones said we need to work on having the employees at the hospital and shop owners on the Square be Lumpkin County residents. Bill Scott said we need to advertise in such outlets as the ACCG Magazine. J.B. Jones then said it is sources like that which will bring us money.

Chris Dockery stated that we need to build relationships outside the county because that is where funding will come from. He said he thinks we are in good shape regardless of which party wins the governorship. Clarence Stowers pointed out that we are one of the few communities in the North Georgia Network that has a university located in it. He said a university attracts high tech business. There was discussion of the search for a replacement for Dr. Potter. J.B. Jones spoke of the importance of continuity.

No one present was opposed to the numbers Tim Bowden listed for participation by each organization. Chris Dockery suggested having some of the organizations come and speak but that not all necessarily need to be members. He said he agrees with the Chairman that a committee can be too big. Clarence Stowers then pointed out that many things have been done in this community with no money.

John Raber will contact the Chamber, City and NGCSU to determine their representative. He gave a reminder for everyone to vote on the Atlanta Journal survey regarding the best place to visit on a weekend. Clarence Stowers reminded everyone about the Blackburn Park survey.

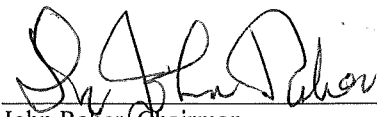
Tim Bowden suggested everyone read and consider the last few paragraphs of his handout for a first meeting. He will work with County Attorney K. C. Horne regarding a resolution to create the committee.

Chairman Raber will call the next meeting.

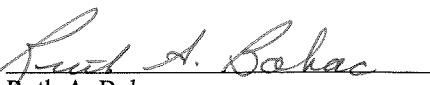
**ADJOURN**

Chairman Raber ended the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

11/18/2010  
Date

  
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John Raber, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
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Ruth A. Bohac  
Clerk, Lumpkin County